



ミカと虹ネコくん

Mika and the Rainbow Cat



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This is a story about the day a seven-colored rainbow bridge appeared in the sky, following the rain—

From now on you'll live together with Papa, just the two of us.

You're a good girl, so don't cry anymore.

いなかから……

Look, Mika, Mama is crossing over to the sky...

I haven't seen Mama even once since that day.

You're not a little girl anymore, Mika. So please, don't cry in front of Papa.

But... I really want to see Mama.

What can I do so I can meet her?

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Why did she fly away to the sky?



Mama...  
Mama...  
Mama...



How do you  
cross a  
rainbow?

If I had wings  
like a bird,  
I could.

If I were light  
like a balloon,  
I could.

I'm think I  
could see you  
If I could fly  
above the  
clouds.

I wanna be a  
baseball player!



I...I'd like to  
be a singer.

I wanna be a  
pilot! I'm gonna  
fly above the  
clouds!



Girls can't  
be pilots!

There's no  
way you can be  
one!



Yes I will!

No you won't!



Wow!  
She beat  
a boy!

I guess  
you can be a  
pilot, Miss  
Women's Lib.

I'm  
strong,  
you  
know!



Wah!  
It's a  
rainbow!

Wow!  
It's so pretty!

Even so, I want  
to believe I can  
get close to it!



It's coming from  
that empty lot  
over there!

I'm  
gonna go  
check it out



How silly.  
No matter how  
close a rainbow  
looks, it's actually  
far away.

It's no  
use. It'll  
disappear  
soon.

That Mika....



Hurry!  
Hurry!

If I could just cross  
the rainbow...

I could see Mama!



Aaah!

Aaaaah!



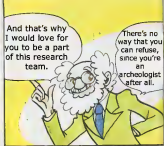
It really was  
coming from here!

It went away...



Right before my  
eyes, it turned  
into a puddle.  
What a cruel  
rainbow...

I won't  
be able to  
see Mama  
ever again!!



With a great discovery like this at stake, it's not really the time for overflowing filial affection.





I'm sure this is a  
present from  
Mama.



In all the world,  
I'm sure there  
couldn't be  
another wonderful  
rainbow cat like  
this.  
Thank you,  
Mama...  
Mama...





No, over here!

Wow, those puddles look like clouds!



Floaty float!



Am I inside a soap bubble right now?

Don't get crazy over there, this thing breaks really easily.

Kyaa~~!!  
Incredible!  
How wonderful!  
I've always  
wanted to  
do this!



Hey!  
Thanks,  
Fifi!

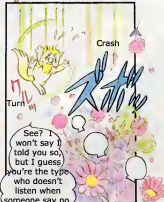
You're  
such a klutz,  
Pylon.

The queen was  
looking for you  
while you were in  
the surface world.

Hello, Miss Human,  
I'm a soap bubble  
sprite.



Pop!



Crash

Turn

See? I  
won't say I  
told you so,  
but I guess  
you're the type  
who doesn't  
listen when  
someone say no.



I have to hurry  
and show Papa!



Ufu~ He'll  
surely be  
surprised!

I'm home!

Papa!  
Papa!

Papa!



Welcome home,  
Mika-chan.

You know, Mika-chan...



Oh! Hello Aunt  
Takeda. Look!  
Look at this!

It's a rainbow  
cat my mom  
gave me.  
Look how pretty  
it is!

Huh?

Mi—  
Mika-chan!



Wash off this mud  
and go to your  
study! I have  
important things  
to talk to  
you about.



Auntie, You're my  
mom's sister, right?  
You don't look  
anything like her,  
though.

Cause mom  
was way  
prettier!

Leave me alone!

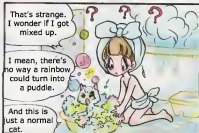


Honestly!  
She has no manners!

That's strange.  
I wonder if I got  
mixed up.

I mean, there's  
no way a rainbow  
could turn into  
a puddle.

And this is  
just a normal  
cat.



If he told  
you in  
person it  
would have  
been harder.  
There was  
no choice.

No!  
No!  
No!

You're not a child  
anymore, right?  
Pack your things into  
this bag. Also, I'm not  
keeping this cat.

Bring it back where  
it came from.



This  
cannot  
be  
allowed!

Bring it  
back at  
once!

I hate you! I hate you!  
really, really hate you, Auntie  
Like I'd go to your house!  
Even Papa went away without  
telling me...Nobody  
understands  
me!



I want to  
fly on a rainbow...  
All the way to  
where Mama is.



Would you like  
me to take you  
to her?



It turned into a  
rainbow cat  
again!  
Hey,  
you can speak?!



Look at this puddle,  
but do  
not touch it.



Ah! Don't  
touch it—

Oh! Mami!



Kyaa!!

Even  
though  
I said no.



You did  
it anyway!!



You've  
broken  
through  
the puddle

We're already  
in the rainbow  
country!



I'm just gonna get lectured, one way or the other.

Honestly, this aunt of mine is so annoying and noisy...

What did you want to talk about? Where's Papa?

どーせ  
お脱獄でしょ  
ホント  
このおばさま  
ときたら  
おせつかいで  
どうるさいん  
だから...



Oh, good for you.

You can get changed by yourself now, I see.



grade 5 pride

You know, Auntie, I'm not such a little kid anymore. I'm in the 5th grade now!



That's right. So you can understand how your father feels now, can't you? Here, this is from your father

My precious Mika,  
Your Aunt Takeda will be looking after you for a while.

I really must conduct this research in the Amazon.

I broke my promise. Please forgive me.



Papa!!

I love you Mika, so be a good girl and wait for me please



Papa...!!

You went away, Papa...?

You're the worst!  
The worst!  
You didn't even say goodbye!

You left without me knowing anything!

To go like this...  
To go like this...

You okay?  
You're not hurt?



Kya!  
Who are you?

You can't  
tell?  
It's me,  
Pylon...

That  
rainbow  
cat....-kun?



How  
handsome!  
I'm totally  
flustered!

Come with me! I'll  
take you to meet  
your mom.

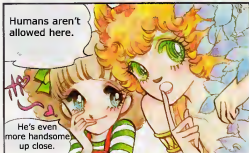


Kya,  
really?!

Shh!  
Hide—it's the  
rainbow queen!



Humans aren't  
allowed here.



He's even  
more handsome  
up close.

Oh no! I  
took a bat  
with him  
without  
knowing it  
that's so  
embarr-  
assing!





Wow! How beautiful!



The rainbow queen has seven sisters. Your mom is the youngest.

Wow, I had no idea. And I was finally starting to believe that auntie of mine was her sister...



Okay, come this way.



Ah! Horses are flying around!

They're Pegasus!



Ah!  
The door!



This is no  
good. Now  
you can't see  
your mom.



I hate  
liars! I  
despise  
them!



What a rude girl.

Ah!  
It's the queen!

Damn!  
We've been  
found!



Kyal How fantastic!  
How wonderful!  
It's a Rainbow Country Festival!



Don't go off our path!  
There's no time!

What's the problem?  
I'm only going for a sec!

How often do you get a chance like this?



Wahl! Rainbow cotton candy!

Wahl! Rainbow rock candy!



He you! Are you sure you won't regret it if you can't meet your mom?



Hurry!

If you don't hurry the door will close!







What a thing to do,  
to so thoughtlessly speak  
ill of the kind Pylon  
who heard

your wish and brought  
you here.



I'm cutting you off,  
Pylon.  
I cannot forgive  
your actions.

You will stay a  
cat forever.

I will not permit you  
to return to your  
true form.



Aaah!

Pylon!



Meow!



Pylon!

I'm sorry...  
I couldn't grant  
your wish...

ピロンさま...

Oh, Pylon!



You shouldn't have  
been so kind  
to me...

There's no way  
that being  
cursed for my  
sake could  
make you  
happy!

That's not true.

We're friends now, aren't we?



Yeah!



We're friends!

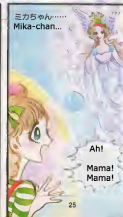


Very well. In deference to Pylon, you will be forgiven.

You may return to the surface world.



ミカちゃん……  
Mika-chan...



Ah!

Mama!  
Mama!



パパのこと  
たのみました  
よ...

ピロンもいつか  
許される日が  
くるでしょう

ふたりとも  
元気で.....

I asked your Papa...  
One day, Pylon will  
be forgiven.  
Take care, you two...

I'm sorry  
for  
worrying  
you,  
Auntie.



But please, Pylon  
is a precious  
friend of mine.

I can't leave  
him behind.

Honestly...  
you can't leave  
a friend  
behind,  
now can you?



In exchange,  
you'll have to  
look after  
yourself more  
often.



Thank you  
so much,  
Auntie!  
I love you!



Like this, He really  
looks like an  
ordinary cat. Maybe it  
was just a dream...  
a day dream...

It's really true!  
He's a rainbow cat!



But you know, nobody  
would believe that Pylon  
was actually a handsome  
boy from the Rainbow  
Country.



I'll have to  
send Papa a  
letter and introduce  
him. I wonder if  
he'll believe me?



I'm always watching  
over you... Goodbye.

ママは  
いつでも  
あなたのこと  
みまもって  
いますよ...

さようなら

Wait!  
Wait!

Don't go! Don't  
go, Mama!  
Mama!!

Watch  
out,  
Mika-  
chan!

IP ティン!

Pop!

ミカちゃん  
Mika-chan!

Mika-chan!  
ミカちゃん

Mika-chan!

Auntie!

I was looking for  
you! I was  
looking all over!  
I was so worried!

When I awoke,  
It was almost  
dark.

I was where  
the puddle had  
been.

A dream?